

October 1, 2015

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld  
Regional Administrator  
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**Re: Follow up to June 16, 2015 Meeting**

Dear Administrator Blumenfeld:

I am writing to follow up on my June 16, 2015 meeting with Ms. Ellen Gilinsky, EPA Senior Policy Advisor, and Mr. Clay Miller, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

During our June meeting, Ms. Gilinsky and Mr. Miller advised that I should request a follow up meeting with you in the fall to provide an update on the Rosemont project and to discuss any areas of interest to the EPA.

We remain eager to work with the regulatory agencies to ensure that all the permitting requirements are met as efficiently as possible. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,



Patrick Merrin  
Vice President, Arizona Business Unit

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Dear Mr. Merrin,

EPA received your October 1, 2015 letter addressed to Jared Blumenfeld regarding the Rosemont Copper Mine project. Thank you for your offer to provide EPA with an update on the project and to discuss other areas of interest.

As you know, the U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Army Corps of Engineers all have decisions pending regarding the proposed project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and Clean Water Act, respectively. EPA has been engaged in regular dialogue with these agencies and will continue to work with them as all parties move forward in the review of the proposed project. We do not have any specific questions for Hudbay at this time.

If you have any specific questions or concerns for EPA, please feel free to contact me or my staff. I can be reached at 415-972-3873. Carter Jessop is the lead reviewer for the Rosemont Copper Mine Project EIS. He is available at 415-972-3815 or [jessop.carter@epa.gov](mailto:jessop.carter@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Johnson".

Kathleen Johnson  
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